



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: Ahrens, Jr. et al.

Serial No.: 09/971,144

Filed: October 4, 2001

For: Data Processing System, Method,
and Product for Automatically
Tracking Insertions of Integrated
Circuit Devices

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In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Listing of Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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